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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Community

SUBJECT:

Intelligence Community Congressional Testimony

- The legislative session is fast approaching. It appears that requirements for the Intelligence Community to testify before the Congress will exceed previous years. I am anxious that we work together as cooperatively as we did last year in sharing information such as the questions we are asked and suggestions on ways we can improve our testimony as each appears before the same committees.
- In order to ensure that we properly dovetail our efforts, I'm asking the Legislative Counsel for the Community, Fred Hitz, to assume the responsibility for communicating to all of you the total picture of what will be going on with respect to Congressional testimony, whether budgetary or involving matters of special concern to the Intelligence Community. Fred will put out a periodic calendar of appearances, and in that process will attempt to see not only that we are each kept informed of each other's activities, but also that where important witnesses have not been called upon by the committees themselves, we volunteer to fill such gaps.
- 3. Therefore, I urge you to communicate directly with Fred your scheduled appearances on the Hill, and any need you may have for support or backup from other members of the Community. I wish to stress that the Legislative Counsel's role is intended to be a helpful one--one of coordination and simplification for the Community's legislative scheduling so that the Hill can look to a single contact point to facilitate orderly testimony on matters of common concern.

4. With respect to budget matters, I look to each of you to continue
to work directly with and his staff as you prepare and review
testimony and respond to questions for the record. Please follow last
year's practice of providing With all budget materials prior to
furnishing them to the committees of Congress. I have asked him to draft
my testimony for the budget authorization and appropriations hearings.

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5. Our success on Capitol Hill in the future will depend to a great extent on the maintenance and expansion of the sense of teamwork which we have developed during the past year.

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